

# CONNECTICUT

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is the primary form for requesting registration and/or an absentee ballot from your local election official. **Read all instructions printed below and on the FPCA before completing and signing your application.**

## FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)	
APPLICATION FOR STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____ CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF _____ §	
I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.	
<b>1. APPLICANT INFORMATION</b> (See instruction 1.)	
a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	b. SEX   c. RACE
d. DATE OF BIRTH	e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card)	
<b>2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION</b> (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.)	
a. YEAR	b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP
c. STATE	d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (if known)
<b>3. VOTING RESIDENCE</b> (For military, legal residence. For overseas civilians, last residence in U.S. IF USING RURAL ROUTE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.)	
a. LAST DATE OF RESIDENCY	
b. NUMBER AND STREET (Do not use Post Office Box)	
c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	d. STATE
e. COUNTY OR PARISH	f. ZIP CODE (9-digit, if known)
<b>4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO:</b> (Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.)	
<b>5. YOUR FAX NUMBER</b> (If this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See instructions.)	
<b>6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION</b> (This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See Instructions.)	
<b>7. REMARKS</b> (Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See Instructions.)	
<b>8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT</b>	
X only one: a, b, c or d	
I swear/affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am: (See Instructions)	
a. a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent.	
b. a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S.	
c. a U.S. citizen overseas by virtue of employment or accompanying spouse or dependent.	
d. other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.	
e. I am a U.S. citizen, eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction, and subscribed to any required state/local oath or statement.	
f. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated.	
g. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.	
h. The information on this form is true and complete.	
i. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	j. DATE
X	
<b>9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE</b> (If required by state law)	
DATE SIGNED	

The information contained herein is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law.

### Application Instructions

Circled letters on the form above correspond to the instructions below. **You must complete all shaded areas.**

**A.** Do not leave blank. Enter “N/A” if not applicable or if you are a first time voter.

**B.** Provide the complete street address of your Connecticut voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Item 7. For example: “on Highway \_\_\_\_\_, 2 miles past Highway \_\_\_\_\_, across the street from the \_\_\_\_\_ gas station.” This address must be different from the one provided in Item 4 and must be within the town or township where you claim legal voting residence.

**C.** Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent - usually your current mailing address. Your

current mailing address must be different from the address you provided in Item 3.

**D.** If you do not list a party affiliation, you cannot vote in primary elections. You must indicate your political party affiliation when applying for a primary ballot (Example: Democrat, Republican) or write “none” in Item 6 of the FPCA. Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections. If you are currently enrolled in one political party and change to another political party, you will have rights in no party for three months from the date of filing your change of political party.

**E.** Check ONE box.

**F.** The applicant must sign and date the FPCA for it to be processed by the local election official.

## I. UNIFORMED SERVICES

### A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Connecticut and members of the Uniformed Services and their family members. Uniformed Services are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

### B. When To Do It

Submit a separate FPCA to request a ballot for each election (for local, state and Federal office ballots).

(1) **To register and request an absentee ballot**, send your completed FPCA to the local town clerk so that it arrives not later than 5 p.m. on the day before the election. You may use the same FPCA to register and apply for an absentee ballot.

**If you are already registered and wish to request an absentee ballot only**, send your completed FPCA to the local town clerk so that it arrives anytime before the election.

(2) Return your voted ballot to the local election official so that it arrives before the close of polls on election day.

The local election official will send you a blank write-in absentee ballot which includes a list of all candidates and questions on the ballot approximately 30 days before the primary election and approximately 45 days before the general election.

Regular absentee ballots are available 21 days before the primary and 31 days before the general election.

If you are outside the U.S. and have not received your state ballot in a timely manner, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. See instructions in Chapter 2, page 12. Connecticut accepts the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot only for federal elections. See Section III.A.

### C. Oath/Witness Requirements

No registration or voting materials are sworn to or witnessed.

### D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- Connecticut allows you to send the FPCA for absentee ballot request by fax. If you are using

the FPCA to register, you may fax the FPCA but you must also mail the original FPCA separately to the local town clerk so that it arrives before 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election.

- Connecticut does not allow you to receive the blank ballot by fax.
- Connecticut does not allow you to return the voted ballot by fax.

Please refer to Appendix C for specific instructions when transmitting election materials electronically. **Use only the following numbers:**

DSN 223-5527

(703) 693-5527

1-800-368-8683

### E. Application For Ballot By Proxy

If you are a member of the Armed Forces or merchant marine, or the spouse or dependent of a member residing where the member is stationed, anyone may ask the town clerk to send you registration materials and/or a ballot.

### F. Special Write-in Absentee Ballot

A state special blank write-in absentee ballot is available beginning 90 days before an election to Armed Forces members and their spouses and dependents accompanying them who, due to military contingencies, are unable to follow the regular absentee application process.

Vote this ballot by writing in the names of specific candidates and their offices.

Use the FPCA to request this state special write-in ballot. In Item 7 of the FPCA, place one of the state special write-in labels from Section III.H. If no labels are available, write in Item 7: "Due to military contingencies, I am unable to follow the regular absentee ballot application process. I request a special write-in absentee ballot."

You may request the state special write-in ballot at any time and it is available 90 days before the general election.

Instructions continue in Section III: Uniformed Services & Civilians Outside U.S.

## II. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

### A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Connecticut and overseas electors. The term “overseas elector” means a U.S. citizen who resides outside the United States and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in Connecticut.

- Connecticut residents temporarily residing outside the U.S. (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- overseas electors (for Federal office ballots only)

### B. When To Do It

Submit a separate FPCA to request a ballot for each election.

Overseas electors are not required to register.

(1) **If you are an unregistered citizen temporarily outside the U.S., you may register and request an absentee ballot** by sending your completed FPCA to the local town clerk so that it arrives not later than 5 p.m. on the day before the election. You may use the same FPCA to register and apply for an absentee ballot.

**If you are already registered, or you are an overseas elector (not required to register) and wish to request an absentee ballot only**, send your completed FPCA to the local town clerk so that it arrives anytime before the election.

(2) Return your voted ballot to the local election official before the close of polls on election day.

Local election officials mail a blank write-in absentee ballot to registered persons temporarily residing outside the U.S. approximately 30 days before the primary and approximately 45 days before the general election. Local election officials mail ballots to overseas electors 30 days before the primary and 45 days before the general election.

If you have not received your state ballot in a timely manner, use the Federal Write-In Ballot. See instruc-

tions in Chapter 2, page 12. Connecticut accepts the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot only for federal elections. See Section III.A.

### C. Oath/Witness Requirements

No registration or voting materials are sworn to or witnessed.

### D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- If you are a Connecticut resident temporarily residing outside the U.S., you may send the FPCA for absentee ballot request by fax. If you are using the FPCA to register, you may fax your FPCA, but you must also mail the original FPCA separately to the local town clerk so that it arrives before 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election.
- If you are an overseas elector (not required to register), you may send the FPCA for absentee ballot request by fax, but you must also mail the original FPCA to the local town clerk either separately or with the voted ballot so that it arrives before the close of polls on election day, in order for the ballot to be counted.
- Connecticut does not allow you to receive the blank ballot by fax.
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### III. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

#### A. Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot

Connecticut is not required to accept the FWAB, but in 1996 began accepting it for only Federal offices in regular elections for Federal office.

#### B. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of a felony who have not had their voting rights restored and persons declared mentally incompetent to vote may not register or vote.

#### C. Cancellation of Registration

For Armed Forces members and their spouses and dependents, a registration cancellation procedure is initiated for failure to vote at least once during a four-year period.

#### D. Action on Registration Requests

Notice of acceptance or denial is sent.

#### E. Action If Registration Is Denied

If you receive notice that your registration is denied, resubmit and provide the information requested in the notice. If you receive a second denial, consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel.

#### F. Late Registration

Any military member currently in the military or who has been discharged within the calendar year who returns to Connecticut too late to register during the regular registration period may still register to vote not later than 5:00 p.m. on the last weekday before the election.

#### G. Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to the Town Clerk in the town of voting residence. A partial list of major towns follows. If your town is not listed below, please call the Federal Voting Assistance Program at the numbers listed on the inside back cover for more information:

Town	Zip Code
Branford	06405-0150
Bridgeport	06604-4062
Bristol	06010-8184
Cheshire	06410-3108
Danbury	06810-7726
Darien	06820-5397
East Hartford	06108-3114
East Lyme	06357-0519
Enfield	06082-2997
Fairfield	06430-6690
Glastonbury	06033-2208
Greenwich	06836-2540
Groton	06340-4394
Hamden	06518-3207
Hartford	06103-2992
Ledyard	06339-1541
Madison	06443-2563
Manchester	06045-0191
Mansfield	06268-2503
Meriden	06450-5605
Middletown	06457-1300
Milford	06460-3364
Montville	06382-2599
Naugatuck	06770-4199
New Britain	06051-2298
New Canaan	06840-4790
New Fairfield	06812-2665
New Haven	06510-2067
New London	06320-6302
New Milford	06776-0360
Newington	06111-2644
Newtown	06470-2185
Norwalk	06856-5125
Norwich	06360-4431
Ridgefield	06877-4699
Sharon	06069-0224
Shelton	06484-0364
Simsbury	06070-0495
South Windsor	06074-2786
Southington	06489-2504
Stamford	06904-0891
Stonington	06378-0352
Stratford	06497-5892
Torrington	06790-5201
Trumbull	06611-3193
Vernon	06066-3291
Wallingford	06492-0427
Waterbury	06702-1983
West Hartford	06107-2431
West Haven	06516-4310
Weston	06883-1007
Westport	06880-0549
Wethersfield	06109-2219
Wilton	06897-4008
Windham	06226-0094
Windsor	06095-0472

***“You Can’t Win, If You Don’t Play...Vote Today!”***

by William J. Sneddon, Jr., Uncasville, Connecticut



